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SUBJECT: PURCHASE BY URUGUAY OF EXCESS RAILROAD EQUIPMENT

FOR ORTIZ FROM AMBASSADOR

FOL TEL FROM USMILGP URUGUAY (DTG 041455Z DEC 73) SENT ACTION
DA//DALO-TRR-M INFO DA//DALO-IL USCINCSO//SC-O CHARLESTON ARMY
DEPOT CHARLESTON SC REPEATED YOUR INFO:

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION TEAM FOR EXCESS RAILROAD EQUIPMENT

REF: A. DALO-TRR-M 291955Z OCT 73

B. SCUR-AR 311445Z OCT 73

C. DPDS BATTLE CREEK 141729Z NOV 73

1. INSPECTION TEAM TO REVIEW AND SELECT EXCESS EQUIPMENT REF A
WILL ARRIVE CHARLESTON S.C. ON NATIONAL FLT 410 1032 HOURS 10
DEC 73. REQUEST REPRESENTATIVE OF CHARLESTON ARMY DEPOT MEET AT
AIRPORT AND MAKE RESERVATIONS, ONE DOUBLE ROOMAT MOST CONVENIENT
LOCATION.

2. MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE:

A. COL YACI ROVIRA - VICE PRESIDENT NATIONAL RAILROAD

B. ENGINEER HUMBERTO PRECIOSI - ASST MANAGER FOR ROLLING

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STOCK FOR NATIONAL RAILROAD.

3. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH CHARLESTON ARMY DEPOT AND MECHANICSBURG TO RECEIVE INSPECTION TEAM AND ASSIST THEM IN REVIEWING AND SELECTING EQUIPMENT. ONCE SELECTED EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE HELD IN RESERVE FOR URUGUAY. ALSO REQUEST INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BE AVAILABLE FOR CONDUCT OF THE PURCHASE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT UY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PREPARED AS A MINIMUM TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE AND HAVE PROOF OF AVAILABLE ASSETS.

4. VISIT TO MECHANICSBURG WILL DEPEND ON EXTENT OF EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT CHARLESTON WHICH THEY FIND ACCEPTABLE. CHARLESTON ARMY DEPOT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSIST WITH MESSAGE TO MECHANICSBURG ADVISING ARRIVAL AND ITINERARY WHILE THERE.

5. REQUEST SPANISH INTERPRETER SUPPORT BE PROVIDED DURING EXTENT OF THE VISIT.

6. THE ACQUISITION OF THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE A MAJOR STEP IN PUTTING THE NATIONAL RAILROAD OF URUGUAY BACK ON ITS FEET. WHILE BEING A ROUTINE ACTION ON OUR PART WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT TO URUGUAY IT IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING OF HIGH NATIONAL PRIORITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THE UNITED STATES CAN DERIVE INESTIMABLE GOOD WILL AND BE A MAJOR PARTNER IN REESTABLISHING A KEY ELEMENT IN THE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE OF URUGUAY. THIS PURCHASE HAS AMBASSADORIAL APPROVAL.

7. INSPECTION TEAM REQUESTS THAT US OFFICIALS AT CHARLESTON HAVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

A. TOWED EQUIPMENT

- (1) TARE OF VEHICLE IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION
- (2) MAXIMUM LOAD PER AXLE
- (3) DISTANCE BETWEEN BOLSTERS
- (4) MAXIMUM FLOOR WIDTH
- (5) DISTANCE BETWEEN BOGIE CENTERS
- (6) DISTANCE BETWEEN INTERIOR AXLES
- (7) HEIGHT FROM THE RAIL TO THE FLOOR
- (8) HEIGHT FROM THE RAIL TO THE HIGHEST POINT
- (9) DISTANCE FROM THE CENTER OF THE CAR TO THE EXTREME

LATERAL POINT

- (10) DISTANCE BETWEEN BUFFER CENTERS
- (11) HEIGHT FROM THE RAIL TO THE BUFFER CENTER AND HOOKING
- (12) TYPE OF BUFFER
 - (A) PISTON OR STEM
 - (B) SHOCK ABSORPTION SYSTEM OF THE BUFFER

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- (C) IF IT IS A SPRING, INDICATE MEASUREMENTS
- (13) TRACTION HOOKS
 - (A) TO WHAT STANDARDS OF DESIGN DO THEY CORRESPOND
 - (B) TYPE OF SHOCK ABSORBER
- (14) COUPLE MESH
 - (A) TO WHAT STANDARDS OF DESIGN DO THEY CORRESPOND
- (15) BOGIES
 - (A) STANDARDS OF DESIGN

- (B) HEIGHT FROM THE RAIL TO THE BOGIE CENTER PLATE
- (C) TYPE OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SHOCK ABSORBERS USED
- (D) QUANTITY OF SPRINGS
- (E) DISTANCE BETWEEN AXLES
- (F) SLIP SHAFT BEARINGS, ARE THEY RE-COVERED BY ANTI-FRICTION METAL
- (16) AXLES
 - (A) STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND ITS IDENTIFICATION
 - (B) MEASUREMENTS OF THE SPINDLES
- (17) WHEELS
 - (A) STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND ITS IDENTIFICATION
 - (B) MATERIAL (IF THEY ARE CAST STEEL OR ROLLED STEEL)
 - (C) IF THEY ARE TURNABLE OR NOT AND SHOED AFTER FIRST USE
 - (D) EXTERIOR DIAMETER OF THE WHEELING RIM
 - (E) PROFILE OF THE SHEELING RIM
- (18) BOGIE SECTION
 - (A) STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND ITS IDENTIFICATION
 - (B) MATERIAL
 - (C) THE AXLE HOUSING, IS IT SEPARATE OR INTEGRAL HOUSING
 - (D) DOES THE HOUSING ALLOW FOR THE ADAPTION OF BEARINGS
- (19) CENTRAL BOGIE BEAM
 - (A) STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND ITS IDENTIFICATION
 - (B) MATERIAL
 - (C) THE CENTRAL BEAM, DOES IT HAVE INTEGRAL CENTRAL PLATE
- (20) SHOCK ABSORBERS
 - (A) TYPE
 - (B) STANDARDS OF DESIGN AND ITS IDENTIFICATION
 - (C) MEASUREMENTS
 - (D) LOAD CHARACTERISTICS
- (21) (A) DO ALL CARS HAVE KC "AIR OR VACUUM BRAKE" SYSTEM
 - (B) DESCRIPTION OF THE BRAKING SYSTEM MIL-B-10974

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(22) STANDARDS CORRESPONDING TO THE SPECIFICATIONS
MIL-B-10973 - 10974 - 10974 (TYPE 1 - CLASS 1)
(23) TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED TO ASSEMBLE THE CARS, ARE THEY
PROVIDED TOGETHER WITH THE MATERIAL
(24) ARE INSTRUCTIONS, PLANS AND SCHEMATICS NECESSARY TO
ASSEMBLE THE EQUIPMENT IN THE SHOPS INCLUDED IN PACKAGING
B. LOCOMOTIVES
(1) CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT OF THE
LOCOMOTIVE
(A) CUMMINS MOTOR - INDICATE MODEL, SERIAL NUMBER AND
QUANTITY PER LOCOMOTIVE
(B) PRINCIPAL GENERATOR - INDICATE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER
(CL AUXILIARY GENERATORS AND TRACTION MOTORS - INDICATE
MODEL, SERIAL NUMBER AND QUANTITY PER LOCOMOTIVE
(D) BOGIES
1. GAUGE
2. DESIGN
3. TYPE OF SHOCK ABSORPTION SYSTEM - CHARACTERISTICS
4. WHEELING - CHARACTERISTICS
(E) GENERAL
1. WEIGHT IN MOVING CONDITIONS
2. WEIGHT BY AXLE
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3. MAXIMUM SPEED
4. MAXIMUM CONTINUOUS SPEED
5. TOWING CAPACITY
6. BRAKE EQUIPMENT
7. IS IT EQUIPPED WITH VACUUM PUMP FOR THE VACUUM BRAKE OF
THE CAR
8. BATTERIES: TYPE AND CHARACTERISTICS
9. ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT - CHARACTERISTICS
10. BUFFER AND TOWING HOOK - CHARACTERISTICS
11. AUTONOMY - FUEL CAPACITY
12. HOW MANY MAN HOURS DOES THE ASSEMBLAGE OF CARS AVERAGE?

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